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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[POSSIBLY STATE'S OLDEST WOMAN DIES IN HAYS](#)

HAYS — Theresa Elizabeth (Chandler) White Weasel Walker Lamebull, 111, of Hays, whose Indian name was "Kills At Night" (BeeKanHay) and who was believed to be the oldest living member of the Gros Ventre tribe, died of natural causes Friday at a Havre hospital.

A wake begins Monday and rosary is 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Catholic Gymnasium in Hays. Funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Tuesday at Saint Paul's Catholic Gymnasium, with burial in Mission Cemetery. Edwards Funeral Home of Chinook is handling arrangements.

[U.S. SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL CONDUCT FIELD HEARING IN CROW AGENCY, MONTANA ON INDIAN HEALTH CARE](#)

WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND), Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee announced Friday the committee will conduct an official field hearing at Crow Agency, Montana, Wednesday, August 15.

Dorgan said he is conducting the hearing, which will examine Indian health care issues, at the request of Montana Senator John Tester (D-MT).

The hearing will include experts on Indian health care from Montana and across the nation. Witnesses will also include Native Americans who will tell their own stories about the delivery of Indian health care on Indian

reservations.

[DORGAN SECURES COMMITMENT FOR SENATE ACTION ON INDIAN HEALTH IMPROVEMENT BILL](#)

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan, Chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, has secured commitments from two key Senate leaders to take action in the full Senate this year on long-stalled legislation to improve health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act would significantly strengthen Indian health care services and facilities, as well as health care prevention and treatment programs, including child abuse prevention and mental health services on Indian reservations. It would also strengthen initiatives to better meet the health needs of Indians who do not live on reservations.

[A RISING NATION: REACHING AREA YOUTH THROUGH HIP-HOP LOUIS MONTCLAIR](#)

By LOUIS MONTCLAIR, Fort Peck Journal (Vol 2007 Issue 32)

Take tradition, hip hop, and blend it with eager youth and you have a recipe for success.

Several tribal organizations along with Native hip hop artists came together to reach Fort Peck youth through the "Rising Nation" program Aug. 6-7 in Wolf Point and Poplar.

"It's using skills in a good way, not falling into that gangster hip hop," said Nicole "CoCo Fresh" Toves of

Fort Peck Tribal Health Tobacco Policy Project Director.

"It's to teach youth to use talent and skills in a positive way."

The workshop was the first of its kind on Fort Peck. The aim of the project was to show area youth that hip hop can be used in positive ways apart from the stereotypical rap, which a lot of times speaks of murder, drug dealing, and sex.

Different artists that came for the show include The S.O.G. Crew, Supaman, Sabatage, DJ Exodus, Boog-E-Rock, TahjBo, WeezAy, and Native Siouxperman. ...

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